(b) the reasons for less procurement, if any?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) A statement is attached. (*See* below)

(b) The reason for the lower procurement is that the wheat crop in the major wheat producing States suffered some damage due to unseasonal rains and the damaged wheat could not be purchased by the procuring agencies as it did not conform to the prescribed specifications.

Statement

Procurement of Wheet during May an June, 1987

(in Lakh tonnes)

State	Directly by FCI	By all agencies including FCI
Delhi . . .	Neg.	Neg.
Haryana . .	2·63	9·12
Madhya Pradesh .	Neg.	Neg.
Punjab . . .	9·07	19·12
Rajasthan . .	0·55	0·55
Uttar Pradesh .	0·80	8·11
All India . .	13·05	36·90

Neg.: Below 500 tonnes.

Black marketing of imported coconut oil in Maharashtra

733. SHRI A. G. KULKARNI: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that coconut oil imported by the Central Government and allotted to the Maharashtra Government was sold in the black market;

(b) whether it is also a fact that guidelines issued by the Central Government for distribution of coconut oil through Consumer Co-operative Societies at retail level were flouted and if so, the particulars of those responsible for it; and

(c) whether any steps are being taken to punish such bogus co-operatives and enforce a genuine Consumer Co-operative employment?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) According to Government of Maharashtra, complaints have been received about misutilisation of the coconut oil, imported by the Central Government in 1984 and allotted to Maharashtra State, by some of the cooperative societies.

(b) and (c) Guidelines were issued by the Central Government in respect of the price of the oil and about its distribution to consumers in the same manner as in the case of other small packs of imported edible oils. The State Government issued instructions to allottee societies to sell the stocks to consumers at prescribed rates and these instructions are found to have been violated by some of the societies. Necessary action has been initiated by the State Government against the defaulting societies through police and Registrar of Cooperative Societies.

Financial assistance to Maharashtra for drought

734. SHRI A. G. KULKARNI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the total financial assistance released to the State of Maharashtra to meet the drought expenditure particularly to provide drinking water, fodder for animals and food to create employment for the drought